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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants request that the following amendments be made to the above application prior to Examination on the merits:

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-30.

Please add the following new claims 31-40:

31. A method for managing a communications network, the communications network including a first management system and a second management system, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) maintaining a first set of management information by the first management system;
- (b) maintaining a second set of management information by the second management system;
- (c) forwarding the first set of management information to the second management system; and

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